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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/FR00/02595)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: DEVICE FOR LOCKING A :
POSITION OF A PART WITH :
RESPECT TO A FIXED PART :PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 18-34 as follows:

18. (New) A device for locking a position of a moving part with respect to a fixed part, the moving part being positioned with respect to the fixed part isostatically, the device comprising:

means for generating a force opposing a loss of contact of all of points of isostatic contact between the moving part and the fixed part so as to lock the position.

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